

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 10-27, 68-71 and 76-79.¹

Applicants will now address the Examiner's remaining rejections.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

In the Office Action, the Examiner has the following rejections under 35 USC §103:

- A. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9 are rejected as being obvious over Yamanaka et al. in view of Kobayashi et al., further in view of Abe et al.
- B. Claims 64, 66, 67, 72, 74 and 75 are rejected as being obvious over Seo in view of Kobayashi et al., further in view of Abe et al.
- C. Claim 65 is rejected as being unpatentable over Seo in view of Kobayashi et al., further in view of Iwanaga et al. further in view of Abe et al.
- D. Claim 73 is rejected as being unpatentable over Seo in view of Kobayashi et al., further in view of Sasano et al., further in view of Abe et al.

Each of these rejections is respectfully traversed. While Applicants traverse these rejections, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are canceling Claims 1-9, 64-67 and 72-75. This renders each of the above rejections moot.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that these rejections be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicants are adding new Claims 80-83 and respectfully submit that the claims are supported by the application as filed. For example, new independent Claim 80 includes the recital of a gate electrode (see e.g. reference numeral 131) comprising a first conductive layer; a gate wiring (see e.g. reference numeral 148) comprising a second conductive layer, wherein said

¹ Applicants have amended Claims 10 and 19 to better claim the present invention and correct informalities in the claims. These amendments are not in response to a patentability rejection.

gate wiring is provided outside said channel region (see e.g. Fig. 6C); and a storage capacitor (see e.g. reference numeral 205) comprising a portion of said semiconductor layer (see e.g. reference numeral 227), a portion of said gate insulating film (see e.g. reference numeral 120), a same material as said first conductive layer (see e.g. reference numeral 132), and a same material as said second conductive layer (see e.g. reference numeral 149). Hence, the claim is clearly supported by the specification and drawings as filed. Applicants further submit that the new claims are patentable over the cited references and request that the claims be allowed.

Applicants do not believe that any further fee is due for these new claims. If such a fee should be due, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Conclusion

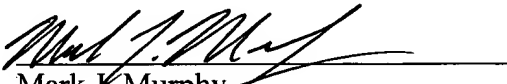
It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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